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I talked to Anne O'Hare McCormick on the telephone this morning. She was interested in the influence of the Guy Mollet declaration in Strasbourg. I expressed the opinion that it was highly significant for the success of EDC and EPC.

I had seen Harold Linder the other day and asked Odette Dewavrin to call him on the possibility that her sister Mimi might be employed to help the Linders with their installation in Paris.

Herman Phleger, to my great pleasure, came to see me this morning. He is spending only a short time in Paris. He told me about the legal controversies he has had with various Senators, particularly over the Bricker Amendment, the status of forces agreement, and some other legislation. He is an [redacted] able man.

I had lunch today at SHAPE with Al Gruenther, Laurie Norstad, Cort Schuyler and Freddie Reinhardt. I outlined to them the present situation as I saw it regarding EDC and EPC.

Bill Tyler came to see me about Henri Frenay's activities in the European Union of Federalists. It seems they must embark on a great money-raising campaign if they are to continue their major propaganda activities. Although I think these activities are educational, I do not believe at this time they will have any influence to speak of on the votes to be cast in the parliaments of the participating nations.

Joe O'Malley came from SHAPE, to which he was assigned a month ago as an intelligence officer on Norstad's air staff. I have endorsed notes for him from time to time and am now doing so again to the extent of $1,000. He has had great difficulty in living on his Army pay with his wife and four children because of the physical condition of one child. The poor little fellow was born with such defects in one leg that it was believed he would never be able to walk.

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He is now nine years old and after seven operations, the last of which took six hours, he is able to get around almost normally. One more operation is now required which the doctors think will completely cure him. He was born about the time I first met Joe and I like his father's and mother's determination not to give up what they had been advised was a hopeless case. Their persistence seems now to have been justified, but it has been a costly experience for them.

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